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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
6 AT SEATTLE

7 STATE OF WASHINGTON et al.,

8 Plaintiff(s),

9 v.
10 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
11 OF TRANSPORTATION et al.,

12 Defendant(s).

CASE NO.
2:25-cv-00848-TL

STANDING ORDER REGARDING
28 U.S.C. § 455 AND CANON 3 OF
THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
UNITED STATES JUDGES

13 The Court issues this Standing Order for purposes of compliance with 28 U.S.C. §
14 455 and Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for United States Judges. 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)
15 and Canon 3 both require disqualification of a judge where "...a lawyer with whom the
16 judge previously practiced law served during such association as a lawyer concerning the
17 matter or ... has been a material witness."

18 Out of an abundance of caution, the Court directs the parties to notify it if any
19 lawyer at Keller Rohrback L.L.P. (including lawyers who subsequently departed the
20 firm) served as a lawyer concerning either the above-captioned matter or any materially
21 related matter at any time between August 2004 and November 2021. If no Keller
22 Rohrback lawyer has served as counsel in this case or any materially related matter
23 during the relevant time period, no response to this Standing Order is required.

24 If notice is required pursuant to this Standing Order, it shall be submitted to
25 Kadya Peter at kadya_peter@wawd.uscourts.gov within seven days of receipt of this
26 Order. However, any defendant in a qui tam case may submit its notification within

1 fourteen days of the later of (1) its appearance in the case; (2) the date that the operative
2 complaint is unsealed; or (3) receipt of this Standing Order. Any required notifications
3 may also be filed with this Court under seal using the CM/ECF system.

4 In newly filed or sealed cases, plaintiff's counsel (or plaintiff, if pro se) is directed
5 to serve copies of this Order on any parties who appear after this Order is filed. Such
6 service shall be accomplished within ten (10) days after each appearance.

7 If this case was assigned to this Court after being removed from state court, the
8 Defendant(s) who removed the case must serve this Order on all other parties.

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10 DATED: The 8th of May 2025

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14 United States District Judge